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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Affirmation in Support of Application for Order of Continuance

18 Mag. 10663

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State of New York)
County of New York : ss.:
Southern District of New York)

SARAH E. PAUL, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1746, hereby declares
under penalty of perjury:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of Geoffrey S. Berman, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. I submit this affirmation in support of an application for an order of continuance of the time within which an indictment or information would otherwise have to be filed, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

2. The defendant was charged in a complaint dated December 14, 2018 with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343, 1349, and 1956(h), as well as Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

3. The defendant was arrested on December 18, 2018 and presented before Magistrate Judge Debra Freeman on the same day. The defendant was released the following day on a set of bail conditions. The defendant is represented by David Meister, Esq.

4. Under the Speedy Trial Act, and as set by Judge Freeman during the defendant's presentment, the Government initially had until January 17, 2019 to charge the defendant by

indictment or information. On January 17, 2019, the Honorable Sarah Netburn, United States Magistrate Judge, entered an Order of Continuance, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), extending the time within which an indictment or information would otherwise have had to be filed in this case until February 18, 2019. Because February 18, 2019 was a federal holiday, the relevant filing date was February 19, 2019. On February 19, 2019, the Honorable Ona T. Wang, United States Magistrate Judge, entered an Order of Continuance, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), extending the time within which an indictment or information would otherwise have had to be filed in this case until March 21, 2019.

5. Mr. Meister and I have had discussions regarding a possible disposition of this case. The negotiations have not been completed and we plan to continue our discussions, but do not anticipate a resolution before the deadline under the Speedy Trial Act expires on March 21, 2019.

6. Therefore, the Government is requesting a 30-day continuance until April 22, 2019, to continue the foregoing discussions and reach a disposition of this matter. I have communicated with Mr. Meister, who specifically consented to this request. This application has also been approved by Andrew Dember, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division.

7. For the reasons stated above, the ends of justice served by the granting of the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Dated: New York, New York
March 21, 2019



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